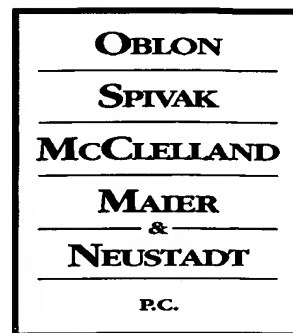




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:


Status Request for Awaiting Further Action (in duplicate)

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The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date on which further action will be taken on this Application. A Replacement Drawing 1 sheet was filed June 19, 2006, responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment 37 CFR 1.121 mailed June 13, 2006. An Information Disclosure Statement, Cited Reference 5, Japanese Office Action, and PTO-1449 were filed August 7, 2006.

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